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NOW FOR LAND BATTLE.

The Japs are Landing Great Forces in Korea and the Russians are Rushing Troops to the Front.

Japan's brilliant work on the water has practically given the little islaud empire control of the sea. It is claimed that she has sunk and disabled eleven Russian war vessels, and Russia assisted by blowing up two more by her own mines. So far as known the Russians have sunk only one Jap vessel, a merchant shlp.

Japan is now pouring troops into Korea undisturbed and mobilizing near the Yalu river, the dividing line between Korea and Manchuria.

Russia is slowly gathering a big army on her frontier, over 5,000 miles from her base of supplies. An engagement is daily expected between the land forces.

Cause of the War.

All authorities agree that the present war between the Jap and Russ is an out growth of the Japanese-China war of seven years ago. Japan, with her modern progress, then scarcely realized by the rest of the world, easily won a victory over China. According to the ethics of war the plucky and also progressive little island empire was entitled to some indemnity and concessions from China to leave the heathen kingdom intact.

Japan demanded Korea and practical control of Manchuria, chinese provinces. Russia, induced other countries to join her, and Japan was forced to lay down her claims and give up the fruits of victory.

As soon as Japan was compelled to evacuate Manchuria and Port Arthur, Russia stepped in with her troops, practically took possession of Manchuria, fortified Port Arthur, and compelled various concessions from defeated China, continuing her land-grabbing tactics and her peculiar "diplomatic" work, which in a boss trade would be called simply plain lying, until Japan and other powers turned upon her, and demanded that she let go her hold upon the Chinese as promised last October, but as several well posted statesmen predicted at the time she did nothing of the kind. In other words her promise was broken.

Then Japan demanded a positive understanding and insisted that Russia evacuate Manchuria and leave Korea as neutral as originally demanded of Japan. After several monhts of delays and subterfuges, while Russia was trying to strengthen herself in the Orient, she coolly notified Japan that Manchuria was not at all open to consideration but that she would divide Korea with Japan.

Growing tired of such tactics Japan finally opened up her batteries and war is on in earnest. Perhaps the conditions outlined above account for the general sympathy of the American people for the pluky little Japs. In fact, Russia has but one sympathizer, France.

Senator Hanna Dead.

Ohio's great Senator Marcus A Hanna, died at Washington Monday evening Feby 15, after a sickness of abuut a month.

His age was 67, and he was on his second term as U. S. Senator. He began life as a clerk in a grocery store, and by his indomitable will and energy pushed himself to an eminence reached by few men.

Once abused and maligned by political opponents because of his activity, he has lived to see the nation, regarless of party, acknowledge his worth as a leader of men and affairs.

President McKinley picked him out of a successful business career to engage in politics. Given such a prominent place without preparatory service he was discredited and envied in Ohio. His first election to the Senate was a bare scratch, under charges of frand. His re-election sixyears later was by the largest majority ever given to any man by an Ohio legislature. And so he grew the country over.

Mark Hanna was a great man, and his death is a loss to the nation. The remains will be buried in Ohio.

The city of Huron is in a turmoil, it is said over the differences of political factions. At this distance, however the difference looks to be more personal than political. Huron has lost many opportunities by her division. A condition exactly opposite to this exists at Pierre where the citizens have just united in a public petition to Congressman C. H. Burke, asking him to select his own delegation from Hughes county to the republican state convention. The men or communities that get things in this world pull together, and manfully smother their personal differences. No one man really stands in the road of another. The more men of a community who become prominent and the more representives at court, the more favors that community can get. This is readily illustrated and corroborated by the experience of Ohio and Iowa.

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EDUCATIONAL COLUMN.

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Miss Margaret Moore's last monthly report shows a perfect attendance and no tardiness.

The Exhibits from the different schools that are preparing them should be in this week as they must be at Mitchell by the 29th of the month.

Teachers do not forget that Manners and Morals are as essential to the pupils as the three R's. Insist upon the former and do not neglect the latter.

Miss Duthie made following notations at the bottom of page of her last monthly report: "Average daily attendance, 20.7. Pupils neither absent or tardy 8. Tardy but not absent 4. Absent but not tardy 9.

Next Monday is Washington's birthday. while the day is no longer regared as a holiday in the schools, it would be well for every teacher to devote a little time in the school on that day, to the consideration of the life and character of the man to whom we as a nation owe so much. A few teachers are having programs prepared for the day.

In the last issue of the South Dakota Educator there is an able article from the pen of Mrs. Minnie Croll formerly school clerk of Holden township, now a resident of Miller. The subject of the article is "the need of more Months of school in the Country." Mrs. Croll presnted a paper on this same subject at the school officers' meeting last May. The paper was quite generally discussed and many of the officers present expressed themselves as being in favor of more than six months of school in the country. That the seed sown then has borne fruit is shown by the fact that this year many of the country districts are having longer terms than formerly. There are however a number of districts that could greatly profit by the advice given by Mrs. Croll.

The Superintendent visited the town school of St. Lawrence last week, and was agreeably surprised to find an enrollment of sixty four pupils in attendance; this is the lagest number that has been enrolled for a number of years. Prof. Fross and Miss Sedam areworking faithfully to bring the school up to a high standard of excellence. However the teachers are handicapped by the amount of work they have to do. Prof. Fross has a class in bookkeeping and a special class or two composed of pupils behind the regular course in one or more branches. Miss Sedam also has to divide one or two of her grades. This makes the work very heavy. It would facilitate matters greatly if a third teacher could be placed in the school.

Secretary Hay again obtains credit in the diplomatic world by his successful efforts to unite the neutral powers in a demand for the preservation of the integrity and administrative entity of China before and after the war. Germany and Great Britain have already agreed, and other nations will follow. Uncle still has his weather eye open.

Who Were They?

Huronite:—A couple of fellows arrived in the city from Miller Monday afternoon and that night occupied a room at the McWeeny House. Tuesday morning a pair of trousers were missing from the hotel and suspicion lead to the older one of thes two fellows. Marshal Whorton arrested the fellow at the depot Tuesday morning but could not find them, but he did, however, find a loaded revolver on his person which he and Co. Attorney relieved him of and turned him loose. The other stranger is but a mere boy and after his pal had been set free he told of having $30 when they left Miller but when he awakened Tuesday morning he didnot have a cent and that he was sure his pal had it. He told the marshal he did not wish to have his pal arrested, as he would get it from him "down the line" by telling him he knew he has "touched" him during the night. The boys were bound for no place in particular.

Attention is called to the advertisement in another part of this issue, the sale advertisement of T. A. Davenport, C. S. Barclay & Son. P. R. Steffel & Son and W. C. Merz. These gentlemen are all well known Iowa and Minnesota Shorthorn men and have combined to make a Sale of Registered Shorthorns at Brookings, S. D. on February 26th, 1904. The offering will consist largely of Bulls, but the female part of the offering is particularly fine. If any one is in need of some good blood to grade up their herd with, they should not fail to go to this sale.

Send for catalogue to R. W Barcley, Mason City, Ia.

The movement for the preservation in the national park of the big trees in the groves of California is nationwide. The petitions to congress comes from thirty states in the union and carry the names of 1,437,260 people of which number only 239,560 are from California. Those beautiful and immense products of nature belong to the whole country, and their destruction would be a national loss as well as a national disgrace.—Sioux Falls Argus.

City Council Proceedings.

Miller, S. D. Feb 5th 1904.

Members Lane, McCullen and Campbell present.

On motion the following bills were on motion allowed.

A. Butler, draying etc	$ 7.50
C. H. Stegmire blacksmith work	.35
W. H. Lane 6 months salary and 2 days on Board of Equalization	29.00
E. S. Wilson printing and advertising	14.00
Sebring & Croll merchandise	3.40
Wm. Healy 4 months salary	20.00
Printing, advertising and stamps	17.07

There being no further business the Board adjourned.

WM. HEALEY, Clerk.

Miller S. D. Feb 17th 1904.

Board met in special session. Members McCullen, Lane and Campbell present.

On motion the following bills were allowed:

E. M. Dunn, Ditch work	$12.60
D. Whitcomb 3 months salary	30.00
C. M. Weiblen Ditch work	5.00

On motion an order was drawn on the interest fund for $175.50 interest on Twp. well in favor of Town Treasurer.

On motion $275.00 of the sinking fund was ordered transferred to the general fund.

Petition of voters asking that the question of license be submitted at the coming election received and flied.

There being no futher business the board adjourned.

Wm. Healey, Clerk.

A Tenor of Wit.

"Tenors," says Mr. Floersheim in the Musical Courier, "are not usually renowned for wit. There are exceptions, however, and one of them seems to be the Vienna tenor Slezak, who must be gifted with an epigrammatic style particularly well adapted for the composing of epigrams. One of the Berlin theatrical agents recently sent him a wire with an offer for a few appearances in Berlin at a very low remuneration. The telegram said: 'Offer you two nights, Berlin Royal Opera. "Lohengrin," "Tannhauser;" honorarium 600 marks (about $142)! Honorary affair.' Whereupon the tenor used the blank from the prepaid answer by filling it out with the short reply: 'Honorary affair secondary affair, money affair principal affair. Slezak.'"

Legislative Salaries.

Congressmen of the United States are better paid than any other legislators, receiving $5,000 a year, mileage and stationery funds. Australia allots its senators and members of the house of representatives $2,000 a year without distinction. New Zealand differentiates. The duties of the lower house being of a more exacting description than those of the upper, its members receive $1,200 annually as against $750 paid to those of the other assembly. Senators of the Canadian parliament are rewarded with $1,500 a year salary and expenses at the rate of $10 a day during session, with a maximum of $1,500. Cape Colony is not so open handed, its legislative council and house of assembly drawing $5 a day per man.

Ireland's Great Astronomer.

Ireland's great astronomer, Sir Robert Ball, has just reached his sixty-third year. It is true that he has been astronomical professor at Cambridge for a decade, but he remains a thorough Irishman still. His career as an astronomer dates back to 1865, when shortly after leaving Trinity college, Dublin, he was placed in charge of the famous private observatory established at Parsonstown, King's county, Ireland. When the possibility of signaling to Mars was under discussion he pointed out that if a flag of the size of Ireland was waved from a pole to match there was just the ghost of a chance that an astronomical Martian might perceive the ghost of a flutter on the earth.

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